

**Pelham Historical Commission Meeting**  
**April 24, 2014**

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Ramsdell Room, Pelham Library

**Present:** Joe Larson, Karl Martini, Blair Bigelow, Charles Thompson

Meeting started at 7:30 pm.

**Minutes** – Martini, February accepted, no March meeting

**Treasurer's Report** – Thompson,

No change since last meeting, we still have \$200.

Joe wants to purchase a filing drawer cabinet (4 drawer unit) the old 2 drawer unit is falling apart and is full. We can combine our needs with CPA, which also needs filing space. We will split the cost with CPA. Location for filing drawer; preferably here in the history room (needs to be explored with the library), alternative is the Rhoades Building. So voted unanimously.

**Old Business**

**1. Meetinghouse Road Bridges –**

No action, work on the project will most probably start next summer . One bridge replacement per year.

**2. Cemetery CPA project (joint project with cemetery commission)**

Project is going forward, trees have been removed (bargain price), Cook Johnson Cemetery still needs a row of dead pines removed (just outside the stone wall) before they do damage; next part of project will be repairing and reconfiguring the fences on some of the cemeteries. Buzzy consults with Joe about this.

**3. Museum CPA project –**

We still have a remaining balance in the CPA account. Due to the winter weather there was no opportunity to address the needed carpentry work.

**4. Fish Road Factory Image on Historical Society Mug**

The cup is being produced; it looks good; sells for \$10 dollars apiece.

**5. Status of Inventory project –**

No change, remaining balance in the CPA account unchanged.

**New Business**

**1. Review of any previous projects dropped or paused (e.g., stonewall inventory, Timber dam)**

Lots of erosion in the old pond area (sediments) during the winter month, plunge pool formed at crib dam. Archeologist estimate the newly revealed dam was 11ft high. It could have been built in the late 1700's but more likely early 18<sup>th</sup> century. Unusual dam construction, all wood is axed. A detailed description will be done, when it is taken apart. Enough of the dam will be removed that the stream can pass easily. The site is at the edge of the original project site and as there was a clause to address newly found structures it will be easy to proceed as we do not have to go through the whole permission process again. Federal monies will be involved again. Alex might be ready to

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come to our June meeting to propose the actions to be taken. The dam and its removal will be treated as an archeological project. (i.e. information not open to the public).  
Reminder: there are still two other dams upstream from the current work site.

### **2. Status of fly rod 2nd dam**

See above

### **3. the Roving Archivist program**

Information about it has been send to commission members by email during past month.

### **4. Replacement of Thomas Hartman after May**

Joe will send a letter to invite Dr. Whitney Battle-Baptiste to join the commission

### **5. Alternate Members on Historical Commissions**

No reason why we shouldn't go forward with this idea. Needs a vote of town meeting (to change the current bylaw).

### **6. Entering Historic District Signs: no action**

#### **Monthly Updates**

Historic Complex – Robb

Community Hall – Robb

Historical Society - Bigelow

**Next Meeting:** 05/20/14 (third Tuesday) at 7:30pm History Room, Pelham Library

Adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, KM